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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re:

Notice of Ex Parte Presentation: In the Matter of AT&T Corp. Petition for Rulemaking To Reform Regulation Of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates For Interstate Special Access Services, RM Docket No. 10593.

Dear Ms. Dortch;

Please include the following in the record of the proceeding listed above.

Consistent with the Commission rules, I am filing one electronic copy of this notice and request that you place it in the record of the proceedings.

Sincerely,

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## ENTUA is the independent user group working with AT&T on business enterprise networking solutions.

February 19, 2004

Honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20544

Re: Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rate for Special Access Services, RM No. 10593.

Dear Chairman Powell:

The Enterprise Networking Technologies Users Association (ENTUA) writes to you today concerning the petition for rulemaking to reform regulation of incumbent local exchange carrier rates for special access services. ENTUA is an independent association comprised of over 100 of AT&T business customers. Our members represent all sectors of the economy and all regions of the United States. Many are Fortune 500 companies, and collectively our members spend hundreds of millions on telecommunications products from US telecommunications providers annually.

The issue referenced above relates to our telecommunications costs and, specifically, the costs we incur for special access services. Unlike most of our members' other telecommunications costs over the past two years, which have been in decline, special access rates continue to increase significantly. A number of special access rates rates have increased in excess of 25%. Competition has not developed as was predicted by the FCC in its Pricing Flexibility order and business customers have no choice but to use the Bells' overpriced services for the overwhelming majority of their network needs. Each passing day that the FCC delays action, harms ENTUA's members as well as the American economy as a whole.

Once again, ENTUA writes to urge you to act quickly to reign in these outrageous special access prices and bring these services back under the protections previously afforded our members who are captive customers of these services.

Respectfully submitted,

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CC: Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

Commissioner Michael J. Copps

William Maher, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau